29 July 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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FROM: ███████████████████
      Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 28 July 1977 OTR Staff Meeting

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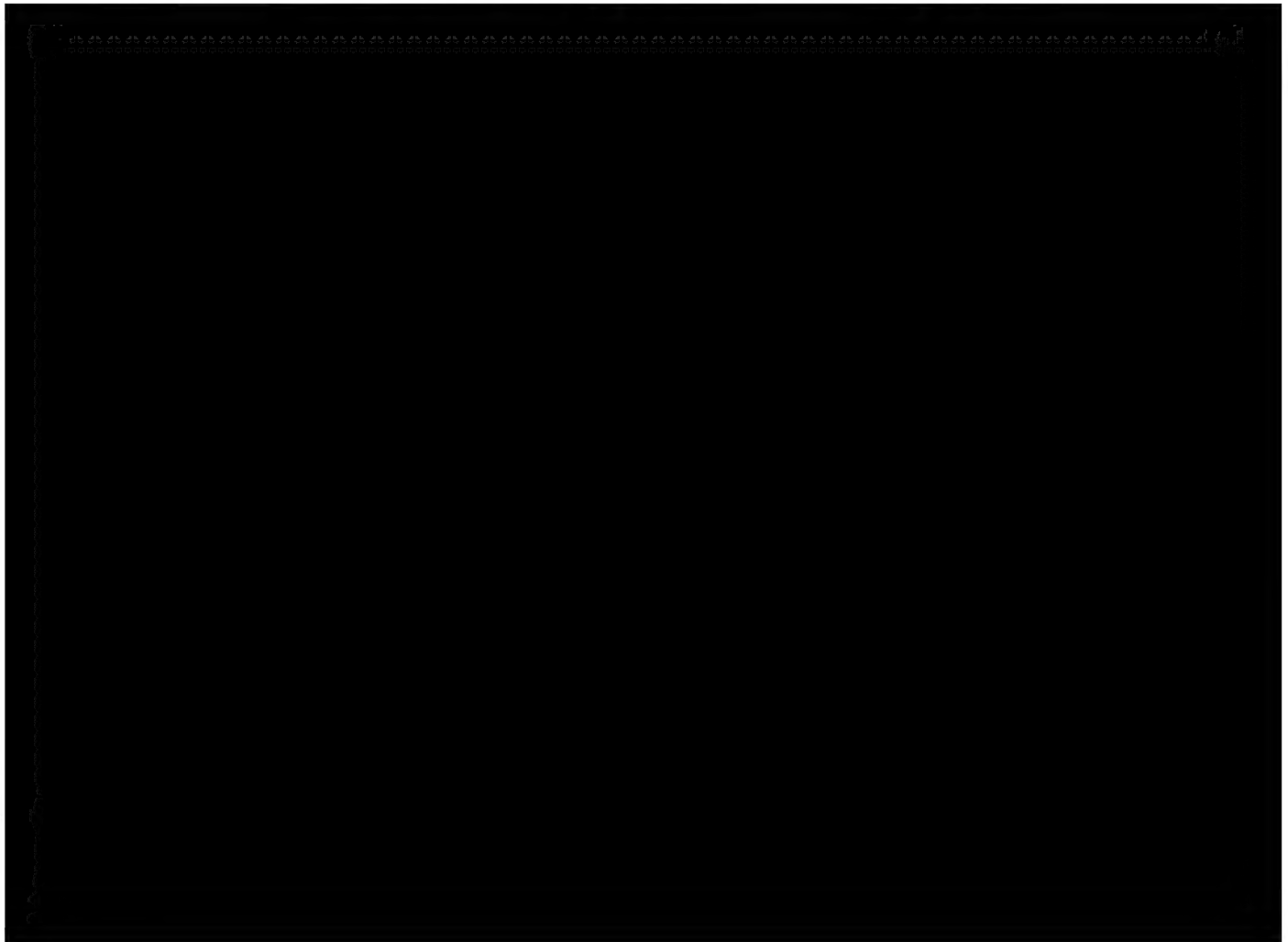
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4.   The DTR asked whether there was any OTR interest in the Control Data PLATO system or whether it should be dropped. The Chief, LLC, noted that he had just received a call from the Control Data representative inquiring about interest. He stated that PLATO is not ready for LLC yet. Chief, FTD, stated that the system could be interesting for course-building, but it would be much better on our own computers, rather than using their remote system. The EA/TR cited cost figures for the system, rental and purchase. The DTR asked whether the group should discuss putting PLATO programs on our computers. The Chief, FTD, replied in the negative. The DDTR suggested that OTR people, especially LLC personnel, might want to go to the Control Data Arlington Education Center, and rent time to work with the system. Chief, LLC, suggested that ███████ might be   STATINTL
interested. The Acting Chief, CID, stated that he and his officers have, for some time, been convinced that it would be feasible to put some of their training programs on computers. The DTR asked Chief, FTD, to have one of his people get together with CID personnel and ███████ to   STATINTL
determine whether the PLATO English program can be put into the PDP 11/45. The Secretary was tasked with contacting the Control Data representative with reference to her call to Chief, LLC, and report that we are looking into possible uses of the system.

5.   The Unit Chiefs presented their reactions to the Project OUTREACH displays in ITG. All were agreed that the "Energy" exhibit needs a narration. In response to a question from Chief, II, the DTR outlined the various exhibits which were being prepared and, in general, their sequence. Most members agreed that the displays were visually attractive, although several members commented that the artwork was not very professional in quality. Several members also pointed out that the displays should be placed against the inner wall of the first floor corridor, in order to avoid blocking the visitors' view of the courtyard and to eliminate the potential problem of glare from the windows interfering with the displays.

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6.   The DTR asked ███████ whether there were any personnel problems outstanding. She replied in the negative. The DTR stated that an OTR Instruction on Fitness Reports would be forthcoming. He noted a tendency for the Units to get away from finished staff work. He recognized that in some cases pending decisions requiring drafts to be submitted, but requested that, whenever possible, papers be submitted to him in final form.

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     7.   The members briefly considered the list of pending actions. The DTR reported from the DDA morning meeting. The members reported on the day's event.

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OTR STAFF MEETING

Thursday, 28 July 1977, 1400

AGENDA

1. OTR Travel Policy   Mr. Fitzwater

2. The Control Data PLATO System   Mr. Fitzwater

3. Reactions to the Project   Unit Chiefs
    OUTREACH Displays

4. OTR Pending Actions

5. The Day's Events